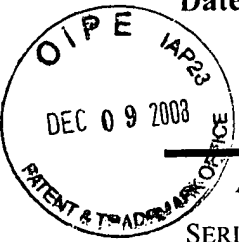


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to submit an Amendment and Response to the Non-Final Office Action dated July 30, 2008 in the above-identified application. With the extension, a Response is due on or before December 30, 2008. A check in the amount of \$490.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(2), for a large entity, is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account Number **50-0311**, Reference Number: **21465-508 UTIL**, Customer No. **35437**.

Respectfully submitted,

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